(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to remove the said obstacle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) If forest land is required for the roadway width for a road, provisions for Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are attracted and permission is required to be obtained.

(b) All State Governments have been advised on 23rd June, 2003 to identify all cases where Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is likely to be involved well in advance and move proposals for clearance under the Act. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has intimated that concerted effort is being made by the State Public Works Department and Forest Department to process cases under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and such cases are being pursued vigorously with the Environment and Forest Ministry.

Increase in textile quota

387. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of textile quota is likely to be increased for the third world in the light of some more East European countries being inducted in the E.U.

(b) if so, how much India is going to be benefited from the increase in the textile quota;

(c) whether the Ministry is thinking of increasing the quota for 2004; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Consequent on the ten quotafree countries joining the European Union (EU) the European Commission has increased the quota levels for restricted categories *inter-alia* for India with effect from 1 st May 2004. The details of India's original EU quota levels for 2004, additional quotas, and the revised quota levels are given below:—

Category	Unit	Quota levels		Total
		Original quota level for 2004	Additional Quantity w.e.f. 1-5-2004	
1	Tonnes	47003	8395	55398
2	Tonnes	65925	1614	67539
2(a)	Tonnes	29267	944	30211
3	Tonnes	38440	126	38567
3(a)	Tonnes	7709	107	7816
4	Thousand Pcs	95003	5234	100237
5	Thousand Pcs	52873	430	53303
6	Thousand Pes	13388	318	13706
7	Thousand Pes	77773	712	78485
8	Thousand Pes	57440	733	58173
9	Tonnes	15210	446	15656
15	Thousand Pes	10214	24	10238
20	Tonnes	28251	789	29049
23	Tonnes	30797	409	31206
26	Thousand Pcs	24191	521	24712
29	Thousand Pes	14604	33	14637
39	Tonnes	9009	176	9185

(c) The Ministry of Textiles has increased the annual levels accordingly, for allotment to the exporters.

(d) Does not arise, in view of (c) above.

Steps to make Indian Textile Industry Competitive

†388. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for making Indian textiles industry competitive as per the requirement of international market;

(b) whether it is a fact that the export of Indian garments in terms of quantity has declined in the last few years; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such decline?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) To strengthen domestic textile industry for meeting the growing global

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.